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SUBJECT: TAMIL LIBERATION MOTION IN PARLIAMENT

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1.AS REPORTED REF AIRGRAM, MOTION CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT TAMIL NATION IN NORTHERN AND EASTERN SRI LANKA WAS SCHEDULED TO BE DEBATED IN ASSEMBLY, FEBRUARY 4. BUT BY OBVIOUS PREARRANGEMENT, GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND NON-TAMIL OPPOSITION MEMBERS DID NOT APPEAR IN CHAMBER AND ASSEMBLY WAS ADJOURNED FOR LACK OF QUORUM.

2.ALL ELEVEN FEDERAL PARTY M.P.'S ATTENDED AND ADDED COLOR TO NON-DEBATE WITH ORANGE SHAWLS EMBLAZONED WITH SYMBOL OF RISING SUN (RISING SUN, BUT NOT ORANGE COLOR, IS ALSO SYMBOL OF SOUTH INDIAN TAMIL DMK PARTY). OTHER M.P.'S RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY AFTER ADJOURNEMENT FOR APPARENTLY LIGHT-HEARTED BANTER WITH TAMILS. ONE DEPUTY MINISTER, REPORTEDLY MADE REFERENCE TO DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT'S RULE IN TAMIL NADU, SAYING, "YOU HAVE NO PLACE IN TAMIL
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